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The House convened at 12:30 p.m., with Speaker K. Koppelman presiding.

The prayer was offered by Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Western North Dakota Synod, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representative Simons.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER K. KOPPELMAN DEEMED approval of the amendments to HB 1123, HB 1162, HB 1164, HB 1177, HB 1181, HB 1230, HB 1282, HB 1369, HB 1386, HB 1388, and HB 1396.

HB 1388, as amended, was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

HB 1123, HB 1162, HB 1164, HB 1177, HB 1181, HB 1230, HB 1282, HB 1369, HB 1386, and HB 1396, as amended, were placed on the Eleventh order of business on the calendar for the succeeding legislative day.

REPORT OF DELAYED BILLS COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your **Delayed Bills Committee (Rep. Pollert, Chairman)** has cast a vote of 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING in favor of accepting the introduction of a concurrent resolution calling for a convention to amend the United States Constitution to impose term limits on members of Congress.

The resolution will be HCR 3033.

REPORT OF DELAYED BILLS COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your **Delayed Bills Committee (Rep. Pollert, Chairman)** has cast a vote of 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING in favor of accepting the introduction of a concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the biota water treatment plant for the northwest area water supply.

The resolution will be HCR 3034.

REPORT OF DELAYED BILLS COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your **Delayed Bills Committee (Rep. Pollert, Chairman)** has cast a vote of 4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING in favor of accepting the introduction of a bill for an Act to create and enact section 15-10.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to higher education student and faculty free speech; to amend and reenact section 15-10.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to free speech policies of institutions under the control of the state board of higher education; and to provide a penalty.

The bill will be HB 1503.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that HB 1467 be returned to the House floor from the **Education Committee** for the purpose of withdrawal, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

REQUEST

REP. PAULSON REQUESTED the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw HB 1467. There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Speaker.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1477: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT**

PASS (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1477 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that HB 1477 be returned to the House floor from the **Transportation Committee** for the purpose of withdrawal, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

REQUEST

REP. LOUSER REQUESTED the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw HB 1477. There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Speaker.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that House Rule 509 be amended temporarily to replace five legislative days with ten legislative days, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that HB 1175, HB 1118, and HCR 3007 be moved to the top of the Eleventh order, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. LEFOR MOVED that the House reconsider its action whereby Engrossed HB 1468 failed to pass.

REQUEST

REP. PORTER REQUESTED a verification vote, which request was granted.

The question being on the motion to reconsider the action whereby Engrossed HB 1468 failed to pass, the motion failed on a verification vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1175: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to business immunity from COVID-19 liability claims; to provide for retroactive application; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 77 YEAS, 17 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Becker; Bellew; Beltz; Boe; Bosch; Brandenburg; Cory; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dockter; Fegley; Fisher; Hagert; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Howe; Johnson, D.; Johnson, M.; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman, B.; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson, J.; O'Brien; Ostlie; Owens; Paulson; Paur; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Skroch; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Thomas; Toman; Trottier; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Koppelman, K.

NAYS: Adams; Anderson, P.; Boschee; Buffalo; Christensen; Dobervich; Ertelt; Guggisberg; Hager; Hanson; Hoverson; Ista; Keiser; Magrum; Nelson, M.; Schneider; Simons

Engrossed HB 1175 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1118: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 37-17.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the governor's authority to issue executive orders during a declared disaster or emergency; to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section 23-01-05 and subsection 3 of section 37-17.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the state health officer and the gubernatorial declaration of disaster or emergency; and to declare an

emergency.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Becker; Bellew; Beltz; Boe; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Buffalo; Christensen; Cory; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dobervich; Dockter; Ertelt; Fegley; Fisher; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Hoverson; Howe; Johnson, D.; Johnson, M.; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman, B.; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; Martinson; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; O'Brien; Ostlie; Owens; Paulson; Paur; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Thomas; Toman; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Koppelman, K.

NAYS: Adams; Anderson, P.; Guggisberg; Ista; Schneider; Trottier

Engrossed HB 1118 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HCR 3007: A concurrent resolution terminating the state of emergency in North Dakota declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, commonly known as COVID-19.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS. The roll was called and there were 28 YEAS, 65 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Becker; Bellew; Christensen; Devlin; Ertelt; Fisher; Hoverson; Kading; Kasper; Kempenich; Koppelman, B.; Louser; Magrum; Marschall; Meier; Paulson; Paur; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Schauer; Schmidt; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa

NAYS: Adams; Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Beltz; Boe; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Buffalo; Cory; Damschen; Delzer; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Guggisberg; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Howe; Ista; Johnson, D.; Johnson, M.; Jones; Karls; Keiser; Kiefert; Klemin; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Martinson; Mock; Monson; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; O'Brien; Ostlie; Owens; Pollert; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Sanford; Satrom; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Strinden; Thomas; Trottier; Tveit; Vetter; Weisz; Westlind; Zubke; Speaker Koppelman, K.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog

HCR 3007 was declared lost on a recorded roll call vote.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2124, SB 2187, SB 2226, SB 2287, SB 2334.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SCR 4008.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2279.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that the absent member be excused, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. LOUSER MOVED that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2021, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1035, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1035 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1087, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1087 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1113: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1113 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 11, overstrike "occupant" and insert immediately thereafter "an individual authorized by the owner"

Page 1, line 19, replace "occupant" with "an individual authorized by the owner"

Page 1, line 23, remove "If an individual is guilty of a second or subsequent"

Page 1, remove line 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 3

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1303: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1303 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of noncompliance with open records requirements by county commissions and auditors, city councils and commissions, and school districts; and bypassing voter approval requirements."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - NONCOMPLIANCE WITH OPEN RECORDS REQUIREMENTS AND BYPASSING VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying noncompliance with open records requirements by county commissions and auditors, city councils and commissions, and school districts; the use of lease purchase agreements to bypass voters; and county building authorities. In the course of the study, the legislative management shall use its investigative authority under chapter 54-03.2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1308: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1308 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1331: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1331 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1337: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1337 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1357: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1357 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 6, remove "or subsequent"

Page 2, remove lines 21 through 26

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1368: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1368 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 7, remove "As used in this section:"

Page 1, remove lines 8 through 11

Page 1, line 12, replace "2. After the sale of a motor vehicle, a dealer" with "A lender"

Page 1, line 12, after "not" insert "require a person to"

Page 1, line 12, replace "place" with "maintain"

Page 1, line 13, replace the first "the" with "a motor"

Page 1, line 15, replace "dealer" with "lender"

Page 1, line 15, replace "purchase" with "financing"

Page 1, line 20, remove "dealer's dealership at no"

Page 1, line 20, replace "to the buyer" with "of the seller or lender"

Page 1, line 20, replace "or" with "and"

Page 1, line 21, replace "The expense of the dealer at a" with "A"

Page 1, line 21, replace the second "dealer" with "seller or lender"

Page 2, line 1, replace "3." with "2."

Page 2, line 1, replace "dealer" with "lender"

Page 2, line 1, after "more" insert "than"

Page 2, line 2, replace "dealer" with "lender"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1371: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1371 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1398: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1398 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1401: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1401 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1405, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1405 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1406: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1406 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 9, remove the overstrike over "social"

Page 1, line 10, remove the overstrike over "security number"

Page 1, line 10, remove the overstrike over "~~unless the applicant is a nonimmigrant who is not eligible for a social~~"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "security number" and insert immediately thereafter "or the applicant provides an affidavit stating the applicant was not assigned a social security number"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over the first comma

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1412: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1412 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1435: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1435 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employees retirement system health insurance benefits coverage for emergency responders who die in the line of duty; and to provide for retroactive application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Emergency responders who die in the line of duty - Health benefits.

1. As used in this section:
 - a. "Correctional facility staff" has the same meaning as provided under section 12-44.1-01.
 - b. "Dies in the line of duty" means a death occurring as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained by an emergency responder while engaged in a line of duty activity or which arose out of and as a result of the individual's performance of a line of duty activity.
 - c. "Emergency responder" means a peace officer, member of a correctional facility staff, emergency medical services personnel, or firefighter, who is employed by the state, a political subdivision of the state, or an institution under the control of the state board of higher education. The term does not include a national guard security officer or national guard firefighter.
 - d. "Line of duty activity" means an employment-related action taken by an emergency responder which is required or authorized by law, rule, regulation, or condition of employment and for which compensation is provided by the employing entity or would have been eligible to have been provided by the employing entity if the emergency responder had been on duty at the time the action in question was taken.
 - e. "Peace officer" has the same meaning as provided under section 12-63-01. The term includes a game warden.
2. At no charge, the board shall offer health insurance benefits coverage, including drug benefits coverage, to the surviving spouse and dependent child of an emergency responder who dies in the line of duty. The provision of health insurance benefits coverage under this section includes coverage of a child of the emergency responder who is born within ten months of the date of the death.
3. The provision of health insurance benefits coverage under this section must continue for the:
 - a. Surviving spouse until the surviving spouse reaches age sixty-five; and
 - b. Dependent child until the dependent child reaches age twenty-six.
4. An employer shall notify the board of the qualifying event of an emergency responder dying in the line of duty.
5. This section does not affect eligibility for benefits under title 65.

SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. This Act applies retroactively to the qualifying event of an emergency responder dying in the line of duty on or after January 1, 2010; however, the benefits under this Act do not begin before August 1, 2021."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1445: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1445 was placed on the Sixth

order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 9, remove "March or"

Page 1, line 9, overstrike "in"

Page 1, line 13, remove "March or"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1452: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1452 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after "reenact" insert "sections 17-01-01 and 17-07-01 and"

Page 1, line 4, after the first "to" insert "low-emission technology, the energy policy commission, and"

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 17-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17-01-01. ~~25x'25 initiative~~Low-emission technology.

The legislative assembly adopts the ~~25x'25~~low-emission technology initiative with the goal that not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, natural resources, and working land of the United States should provide from ~~renewable resources~~low-emission technology not less than twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, ~~fuel~~, feed, and fiber. Increasing America's ~~renewable energy~~low-emission technology use will bring new ~~technologies~~advancements to market and save consumers money, reduce the nation's dependence on oil from the Middle East, create good new jobs in rural America, ~~and clean up the air and~~ reduce urban smog, and address global warming issues. As used in this initiative, ~~renewable energy~~low-emission technology includes biofuels, solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, carbon recycling, carbon sequestration, use of waste heat, recycling, ~~low-emission technologies that create or use hydrogen, coal, oil, natural gas, and~~ energy efficiency initiatives. ~~The 25x'25 initiative will benefit agriculture and forestry, the environment, and national security and provide economic growth~~Investing and acknowledging a commitment to low-emission technologies allows the state to use its abundant natural resources for the benefit of current and future generations. This initiative provides North Dakota consumers with affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for the benefit of the state's economy and communities.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 17-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17-07-01. Energy policy commission.

1. The energy policy commission is composed of:
 - a. The commissioner of commerce;
 - b. A representative of the agriculture community appointed by the governor;
 - c. A representative recommended by the lignite energy council appointed by the governor;

- d. A representative recommended by the North Dakota petroleum council appointed by the governor;
 - e. A member from the biodiesel or green diesel industry appointed by the governor;
 - f. A member from the biomass industry appointed by the governor;
 - g. A member from the wind industry appointed by the governor;
 - h. A member from the ethanol industry appointed by the governor;
 - i. A representative recommended by the North Dakota petroleum marketers association appointed by the governor;
 - j. A member from the North Dakota investor-owned electric utility industry appointed by the governor;
 - k. A member from the generation and transmission electric cooperative industry appointed by the governor;
 - l. A member from the lignite coal-producing industry appointed by the governor;
 - m. A member from the refining or gas-processing industry appointed by the governor; and
 - n. Additional nonvoting members appointed by the governor.
2. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first, may be reappointed for additional terms, and serves at the pleasure of the governor.
 3. The commissioner of commerce is chairman of the commission.
 4. The commission shall meet at least ~~four~~two times per biennium or as often as the chairman deems necessary. The commission shall hold at least two public hearings per biennium, ~~at which time interested parties may present testimony in coordination with the state energy research center and allow public input from invited national and regional leaders and interested persons~~ regarding issues pertinent to the state's comprehensive energy policy. The department of commerce shall provide staffing for the commission.
 5. The legislative assembly shall develop a comprehensive energy policy for the state. ~~The commission shall monitor progress made toward the goals outlined in the energy policy and make recommendations to the energy policy as needed.~~In coordination with the state energy research center, the commission shall identify and make recommendations to the clean sustainable energy authority on low-emission technology and advancements in energy efficiencies for the state. The recommendations must include consideration of environmental benefits; advancements or developments that have led to increased economic benefits and positive environmental public health benefits for the citizens and visitors of North Dakota, including cleaner air, soil, and water; improved efficiencies; reduction of waste; lower carbon-intensive agricultural products; and units of energy. The recommendations also may consider other factors, including environmental, social, and governance policies and the effect on financial or capital markets. The commission shall monitor the progress of implementing and achieving environmental benefits through the state's comprehensive energy policy. The commission shall report biennially to the legislative management.
 6. The members of the commission who are not state employees are entitled to mileage and expenses as provided by law for state officers

and employees. Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, the expenses of appointed members are to be paid by the department of commerce. A state employee who is a member of the commission must receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to mileage and expenses, to be paid by the employing agency."

Page 3, line 17, remove "The authority shall make recommendations to the legislative assembly on a"

Page 3, remove lines 18 through 20

Page 3, line 21, remove "4."

Page 3, line 23, replace "5." with "4."

Page 6, line 4, replace "1" with "3"

Page 6, line 9, replace "\$25,000,000" with "\$40,000,000"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1457: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1457 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 12, remove "consents to a longer"

Page 1, line 13, replace "period not exceeding fifteen days from the date the order was issued" with "extends the order until the next regularly scheduled meeting"

Page 1, line 15, replace "for subsequent periods not exceeding fifteen days each" with "until the next regularly scheduled meeting. An order under this subsection may not extend for more than thirty-one days from the date the order was issued"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1484: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1484 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1485: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Dockter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1485 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3025: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3025 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3027: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3027 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILL

Reps. K. Koppelman, Becker, M. Johnson, Satrom and Sens. Dever, Dwyer, Holmberg introduced:

HB 1503: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15-10.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to higher education student and faculty free speech; to amend and reenact section 15-10.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to free speech policies of institutions under the control of the state board of higher

education; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Reps. B. Koppelman, Bellew, Jones, Kasper, K. Koppelman, Louser, M. Ruby, Skroch and Sens. Dever, Hogue, Kannianen introduced:

HCR 3033: A concurrent resolution calling for a convention to amend the United States Constitution to impose term limits on members of Congress.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Monson, Boe, Schmidt and Sens. Hogue, Sorvaag introduced:

HCR 3034: A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the biota water treatment plant for the northwest area water supply.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Representative Louser's motion.

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk